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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
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TAGS: OREP (HAMILTON, LEE)

SUBJECT: CODEL HAMILTON

REFS: TEL AVIV 5027; DAMASCUS 4370, 4368, 4366; AMMAN 3857, 3889, 3881; CAIRO 11660, 11736

1. CODEL APPRECIATES EXCELLENT COVERAGE PROVIDED BY REPORTING TELEGRAMS REFERENCED ABOVE. YOUR REPORTING WILL AID THE CODEL'S PREPARATION OF A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT DAMASCUS REMOVE EXDIS CONTROL FROM DAMASCUS REFTELS EXCEPT FOR ANY PORTIONS THAT YOU BELIEVE TO HAVE SPECIAL SENSITIVITY. DEPARTMENT WILL REVIEW REPORT IN DRAFT FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES BEFORE REPORT IS PUBLISHED. CODEL CLEARS ALL REFTELS SUBJECT ONLY TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BELOW.

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2. TEL AVIV. CODEL UNDERSTOOD YADIN TO SAY HE EXPECTED BEGIN TO ESTABLISH A COUPLE OF SETTLEMENTS IN NON POPULATED AREAS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (PARA 7 OF TEL AVIV 5027). THIS DIFFERENCE MAY BE WORTH FOLLOWUP QUERY BY EMBASSY.

3. DAMASCUS. CODEL FELT ASSAD STATEMENT ON TRADE FOLLOWING END OF BELLIGERENCY (PARA 8 OF DAMASCUS 4370)

LEFT DOOR SLIGHTLY OPEN, THEREBY NOT FULLY JUSTIFYING SUMMARY COMMENT THAT ASSAD "REJECTED IDEA THAT PEACE INCLUDES...COMMERCE..." OR DAMASCUS 4366 COMMENT THAT THERE WAS NO SUCCESS IN PROBING FOR FLEXIBILITY ON NATURE OF PEACE. CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ANALYSIS OF ASSAD STATEMENT THAT COMMERCE FOLLOWING END OF BELLIGERENCY WOULD BE FOR SYRIAN CITIZENS TO DECIDE ON. CODEL ALSO FELT CONSTRUCTIVE TONE OF ASSAD MEETING WAS WORTH NOTING. CODEL FELT THAT PARA 3 OF 4370 OVERSTATED CODEL'S OPTIMISM. IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY "DELEGATION SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED," AND TO DROP "ANY" AND "WHATEVER" FROM NEXT CLAUSE. RE PARA 10 OF DAMASCUS 4368, CODEL BELIEVES MORE COMPLETE VERSION WOULD BE TO REPLACE SHORT QUESTION (LINE 7 OF PARA 10) WITH: OBEY ASKED IF HE COULD TELL THOSE PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE WRONG--THAT SYRIA WILL ACCEPT THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO LIVE SIDE BY SIDE WITH SYRIA, IF ISRAEL WITHDRAWS AND RECOGNIZES THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS.

4. AMMAN. CODEL FELT TONE OF HUSSEIN MEETING A LITTLE MORE POSITIVE THAN 3857 INDICATES.

5. CODEL EXPRESSED PROFOUND RESPECT FOR THE EXCEPTIONALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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HIGH QUALITY OF US AMBASSADORS AND PERSONNEL AT ALL POSTS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS AND EXCELLENT PROGRAMMING PROVIDED. VANCE

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